

director of industry operations may allow.

(b) Where a respondent requests a hearing, the director of industry operations shall forward a copy of the request together with a copy of the citation to the Director for the assignment of an administrative law judge.

(c) After the Director notifies the director of industry operations of the assignment of the administrative law judge, the director of industry operations shall serve a notice of designation of the administrative law judge on the respondent.

(d) The administrative law judge shall set a time and place for a hearing and shall serve notice thereof on the parties at least 10 days in advance of the hearing date.

[T.D. ATF-244, 51 FR 45763, Dec. 22, 1986, as amended by T.D. ATF-374, 61 FR 29957, June 13, 1996]

#### § 71.61 Notice of hearing.

In case a request for a hearing is filed by the applicant within the required time, the director of industry operations shall refer the matter to the administrative law judge and the administrative law judge shall set a time and place for a hearing and shall serve notice thereof upon the parties at least ten days in advance of the hearing date.

[21 FR 1441, Mar. 6, 1956. Redesignated at 40 FR 16835, Apr. 15, 1975, as amended by T.D. ATF-374, 61 FR 29957, June 13, 1996]

#### NON-REQUEST FOR HEARING

#### § 71.62 Application.

In the case of an application, if the applicant does not request a hearing within the time specified in § 71.59, or within such further time as the director of industry operations may in his discretion allow, the director of industry operations will by order, stating the findings upon which it is based, disapprove the application, and will serve signed duplicate original of such order on the applicant.

[21 FR 1441, Mar. 6, 1956. Redesignated at 40 FR 16835, Apr. 15, 1975, and amended by T.D. ATF-199, 50 FR 9197, Mar. 6, 1985; T.D. ATF-374, 61 FR 29957, June 13, 1996]

#### § 71.63 Suspension, revocation, or annulment proceedings.

If the respondent does not request a hearing within the time specified in § 71.60, and does not file an answer as required in § 71.64, the district director shall make the initial decision in the case in accordance with § 71.79.

[T.D. ATF-244, 51 FR 45763, Dec. 22, 1986, as amended by T.D. ATF-374, 61 FR 29957, June 13, 1996]

#### ANSWERS

#### § 71.64 When required.

(a) Where the respondent requests a hearing in accordance with § 71.60, a written answer shall be filed with the administrative law judge and served on the director of industry operations within 15 days after service of the designation of the administrative law judge.

(b) Where no hearing is requested, the respondent shall file a written answer with the director of industry operations within 15 days after service of a citation.

(c) An answer shall contain a concise statement of the facts that constitute his grounds for defense. The hearing may be limited to the issues contained in the citation and the answer. The administrative law judge, or director of industry operations as the case may be, may, as a matter of discretion, waive any requirement of this section.

(d) Answers need not be filed in application proceedings.

[T.D. ATF-244, 51 FR 45763, Dec. 22, 1986, as amended by T.D. ATF-374, 61 FR 29957, June 13, 1996]

#### § 71.65 Answer admitting facts.

If the respondent desires to waive the hearing on the allegations of fact set forth in the order to show cause, and does not contest the facts, the answer may consist of a statement that the respondent admits all material allegations of fact charged in the citation to be true. The director of industry operations shall thereupon base the decision on the citation and such answer although such an answer shall not affect the respondent's right to submit